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Photo by Walt Griffin

A massive blaze consumed Carnarvon Bowl on Nov. 4. Firefighters were unable to salvage the building.

Decades of memories up in smoke

By **Matthew Desrosiers**
 Editor

Carnarvon Bowl and Billiards is no more. On Nov. 4, fire crews from Minden Hills, Stanhope, Dorset, and Dysart responded to the fire that would eventually burn the establishment to the ground. Despite their best efforts, the emergency crews were unable to save the building.

The bowling alley was located at the

intersection of Highways 118 and 35.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) reported that no one was injured in the fire. They have passed the investigation on to the Office of the Fire Marshall, who has been on scene all week. As of press time, there has been no report as to the cause of the fire.

Haliburton County warden Carol Moffatt said the building had a lot of history in the area.

Originally opened in May 1948 as Medley's

Dance n Bowl, the establishment was often used for dances, weddings, fundraisers, and other community events.

"My parents danced there in the 40s and 50s as teenagers," Moffatt said. "They walked from the cottage at the time."

As word of the fire spread through social media, Moffatt said she received numerous comments online from cottagers who remembered visiting the dance hall in their young days.

"The thing that's interesting about Medley's is that the memories there are multi-generational," she said. "It was a great gathering space for the community, and I think that's a loss."

Although the building has gone through some changes over the years, it always remained a community-oriented establishment.

"The loss is in the hearts of many, and you can't quantify that."

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Highlander news

Walkers to assess new streetscape

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Now that Haliburton's streetscape work is complete, it's time to find out how conducive it is to active transportation.

Kate Hall of Canada Walks escorted members of the community, including municipal staff, Reeve Murray Fearrey, and municipal councillors, on a walk audit through the village of Haliburton.

"We work with municipalities to do walkability workshops and walk audits in the communities to help people get thinking

of the walking environment and how we can make improvements to better support walking and better mobility," Hall said. "The goal is evaluation or assessment of the street and built walking environment, and to talk about how people feel walking through the environment. Is it a positive experience where they feel safe? [Or are] there hazards that might be something for concern or discussion?"

Some of the things the auditors were looking for in the village included traffic calming, instructional signage to pedestrians, and benches for resting.

They were also on the lookout for hardscape features like sculptures, public art, and landscaping that make the village inviting or attractive for walkers.

One of the items identified on the walk was the speed of traffic through York Street. There was some concern that, although the speed limit is 50 kilometres per hour, it might be too fast and therefore intimidating and unsafe for the many walkers along that road. Also of concern was the crossing at the intersection of York Street and Maple Avenue, where a soft corner to accommodate large vehicles makes it hard for pedestrians to see oncoming

traffic and allows turning vehicles to handle the corner at higher speeds.

A suggestion to fix the problem was to paint thick ladder-type lines, similar to those at the pedestrian crossing on Highland Street, so as to visually clue drivers in that there may be walkers crossing the street.

All along the route, the auditors took notes of comments and ideas presented by the participants. Hall said once the audit is complete and the information is compiled along with that from a community forum held in April, a report will be created for the municipality.

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Editorial opinion

Strike against history

I had the opportunity to speak with Haliburton County's warden, Carol Moffatt, after the fire in Carnarvon.

She's a bit of a history buff. You'll find her at most heritage-related functions in the county because she believes a community is built on what's come before. There's value in history, and I agree with her.

Moffatt shared a book with me that talks about some of that history. In *Let's Dance: a celebration of Ontario's dance halls and summer dance pavilions*, Peter Young writes about the history of Medley's, now known as Carnarvon Bowl. Bud and Muriel Medley opened the establishment in 1948. Young writes that "many organizations and church groups throughout the area started bowling leagues," and that Muriel's home baking was a big draw, especially in the afternoons.

Just the fact that an author took the time to research the place for his book, and write about it over several pages no less, shows the building had history. Comments on Facebook since it burned down reinforce that fact.

The loss of the Carnarvon bowling alley is tragic in that, as those walls were engulfed in flames, so too were many of the memories that lived in that place.

Moffatt made an interesting comment to me about that. She said "it's the loss of these kinds of places that slowly chip away at our roots."

I would never have thought a bowling alley could mean that much to a community. But, of course, it was much more than that.

Medley's was a gathering place for the community. Throughout its life, it was a dance hall, bowling alley, pool hall, and even an arcade. Moffatt said whenever she stepped into the building it was like being in a time warp. Even with the pool tables and arcade cabinets, she could tell it was a dance hall, first and foremost. She always remembered the history she had there and probably shared a few of those stories with whoever was around at the time.

And I'm sure she's not the only one.

Moffatt said some people aren't going to care that the place is gone, but for others, it's a really big deal.

As for me, well I'm somewhere in the middle. While I don't have an emotional attachment to Medley's, or Carnarvon Bowl, I do have an appreciation for what the place had to offer. It was a historical lightning rod for people who live here; a reminder of days gone by and a promise of good days to come. It was a chance to share stories with newbies to the area, like me, about how things used to be.

And, from what I hear, it was a heck of a good place to bowl, too.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Speak into the plant

Nineteen-eighty, a hotel in East Germany. Two Westerners are having a conversation in their room as a spy listens in through a carefully-placed bugging device. The device is not working well; he can't catch the words as they are spoken. Consumed with frustration he breaks all the rules and shouts through a speaker hidden behind the bed where his targets are talking: *Speak into the plant, please!*

We used to laugh at East Germany, that rump of a nation lost to the USSR in border negotiations following WWII. East Germany, epicentre of the Cold War, police state, totalitarian regime, was notorious for obsessively spying on its citizens; a country ruled by fear.

When it was over, when the two Germanys were reunited, the evil of that regime was finally revealed: husbands informing on wives, neighbours on neighbours. It was a country ruled by paranoia of the "enemy". The enemy, of course, was freedom.

What is freedom? There are many definitions, but on the most fundamental level freedom is the ability to live one's life independent of the state. It's the right to say what you want, do what you want, without being snooped upon or having to ask permission. It's being a good citizen — not because you fear retribution from the state or anyone else, but because the benefits of freedom compel you to.

We have fought to defend freedom. We went to war in 1917 because Britain went to war in an insane conflagration of European warmongering. In 1939 it was to destroy the most heinous dictator the world had ever seen. Both were unassailably just and necessary wars.

But our standards have declined since then. In Korea our motive was to stop the relentless march of communism, unaware then that it would get tired and one day stop marching of its own accord. By the time we got to the first Gulf War, we were taking the side of one dictator against another. Today, Afghanistan becomes less purposeful by the month. Were we doing our duty to a friend and NATO ally? Or did we get caught up in an imperial revenge fantasy, followed by another fantasy of bringing democracy to a people who want nothing of the kind, only to have us finally melt away and leave that God-forsaken place to the fanatics who started all of this?

Today we stand motionless in the face of monstrous regimes in North Korea, in Syria and Zimbabwe, in Somalia and Uzbekistan. Do these countries not deserve freedom too? Or has somebody calculated that distance x economic insignificance x not affecting us directly = not worth our while?

Certainly on an individual level we're making that calculation.

The imperative "lest we forget" is about more than the men and women who fought for our freedom. It's a message to all of us to be eternally vigilant against tyranny, against those who would destroy our democracy.

We are failing in that vigilance. Recent revelations of massive spying by the United States, the UK and yes, Canada, have been met with shrugs and disinterest. Governments shout "security" and we fall into line, failing to question what all this is for. Were citizens consulted on these measures or even made aware of them? Of course not.

In the last dozen years we've seen a very deliberate and unprecedented expansion of state (and corporate) power, at our expense. We're approaching a singularity of total surveillance.

Consider this: have you stopped yourself from saying something on the telephone recently, from visiting a website or saying something in an e-mail, because somewhere in the back of your mind you think someone might be listening in?

I know a lot of people who have, catching themselves with a nervous laugh, because if what has been revealed is really true, it's too awful to contemplate: in the eyes of our own government, we have become the enemy.

If you have nothing to hide, as I'm sure is the case, you will still not be safe. A friend of your son's you've never met visited Pakistan; or maybe you had a wrong number from someone who's wanted by police. Possibly there's just been a mistake and you, John Smith, have been confused with the terrorist John Smythe, at the airport through facial recognition technology and here comes the SWAT team. Good luck with that.

We're not paying attention. People being fired because of five-year-old Facebook posts; G20 protesters arrested without charges; childhood pranks leading to a lifetime of unemployment — you ain't seen nothing yet. History is the future.

What shred of evidence do we have that our governments, at any level, are trustworthy? Or that they know what they're doing? Power plants anyone? Senators, crack cocaine, Ornge, F-35 jets, gazebos and \$16 glasses of juice? Would you seriously want these people, and their hundreds of thousands of minions complete with their human foibles — curiosity, jealousy, resentment, laziness, zealousness — to know more than is absolutely necessary about you?

Lest we forget.



By Bram Lebo

Correction

In 'Driver charged in vehicle rollover' (see The Highlander, Issue 107, pg. 11), it was reported the driver of the vehicle was charged with careless driving. The driver was actually charged with failure to drive in marked lane. The Highlander regrets this error.

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Letters to the editor

Foodraiser a big success

Dear editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to some of the people who helped make our recent Terror on Wonderland Road Halloween foodraiser event such an incredible success.

This year our message was all about quality of food donations, nutritional foods and maintaining the dignity of the clients who really have no choice but to make use of the Haliburton County Food Banks.

Rosie Kadwell from our local health unit was so helpful in developing a list of the types of food people could donate.

Thank you to all the staff at The Highlander for hearing our message and with your ads, stories and editorials, making sure everyone else did as well. You truly are a community newspaper!

Both of our local radio stations, Canoe FM and Moose FM were very generous, adding their voices to ours.

Our first show was on Oct. 26. As some of you now know I was hospitalized in Peterborough, so me being here was completely out of the question. As you can imagine I was pretty concerned about the show going ahead. Well, our family and all

of our friends (who knew we had so many?) rallied around Cathy and made sure it was great night. Thank you... a standing ovation to you all!

I was discharged on Halloween night and thanks to my great neighbours I arrived home to quite a sight. A cold, miserable night of pouring rain, but hundreds and hundreds of people filling the boat with nutritional donations, eating lots of great barbecue and screaming their brains out! There are no words to describe how that felt.

The other thing we discovered is that the most nutritional donation you can make is cash! Cash is great. It allows the food banks to buy the things they actually need. So we asked and you did not say no. By the end of the night you had donated \$3000. Wow!

Thank you to the folks who spent endless endless hours setting everything up... you know who you are.

Thanks to all the people who always say yes when I ask them for something.

Today we are very proud of Haliburton County. Thank you for your support. We couldn't have done it without you.

Alex Bell and Cathy Barnett
Haliburton

Don't hunt just for trophies

Dear editor,

I agree with your take on hunting animals for food versus slaughterhouses etc., and while I don't agree with slamming the local hunter who uses the meat for his/her table, the objector never-the-less has a valid point around trophy hunting.

This may not exist so much in our backyard, but it does exist. There are those who spend a small fortune on hunting trips and safaris in search of the 'trophy'. All animals are a gift to mankind and contribute to the ecological

balance of our planet. So, yes, I am totally against trophy hunting if that is the only intent of the hunt, but do not think one should view hunting for food as wrong. Food is a necessity of life, trophies are not. If you hunt for food and keep the trophy, I don't have a problem with that, but if you hunt solely for the trophy, that I have a major problem with. Both types of hunting exist, but only one is justified.

Frank Thom
Haliburton

Photo of the week



Photo by Kristel Chalmers

Caterpillars caught during dinner earlier this fall.

Letters continued
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— Wonderfully weirdly wet, or not

Do you know just how hard it is to describe the sound of rain?

Just think for a minute. And no, I don't mean mutter pitter patter to yourself and think you're done! Rain makes a multitude of sounds, an entire symphony of notes, depending upon its intensity, the surface that is being rained on to, and the way that it's falling (mostly vertical but you know those times when it comes horizontal as well as I do). Rain is a multidimensional phenomenon and one that's almost entirely overlooked. How's that for a highfalutin' proclamation from your Outsider?

But let me take you back a while and tell you the reason why I'm pontificating about our most under-rated weather. Last week, you may remember that there were a couple of days when it was a tad wet. And by 'tad' I mean soaked through to the skin, wetter than an otter stuck in a washing machine kind of wet. Now, at the time I was doing a friend a favour of the construction kind and we were, you guessed it, outside. The rain came down, it came down in torrents. It swelled rivers

and washed out ditches. Creeks cut swathes across the building site and I got thoroughly drenched. But you know what? I enjoyed it, sort of.

I can hear you now: "Ah, of course, he's English; he was probably born in the rain. I bet he wears a sowester at the drop of a hat (if you'll pardon the pun) and speaks duck."

Ok, I'll admit to being English (something that could be seen as brave around these parts) but I don't sing in the rain like Gene Kelly, nor do I have feet of the webbed variety.

Anyhow, I started off the day dreading the prospect of the rain and then being miserable as it began to fall. I bemoaned my luck at having volunteered to work out of doors on this day of all days and stared forlornly out across the lake in between barrowing loads of debris across an ever more muddy quagmire.

This went on for a while but as I got wetter something happened and my mood began to change. I watched the weather come at me across the lake (and it came at quite a speed) and saw the rain squalls build as they raced towards me. I listened to the wind and the

water and began to feel exhilarated, if in a squishy kind of way. I tuned into the weather and I began to really hear the rain.

Now, this may sound kind of loopy to you, sort of wing ding hippy nonsense, but for me, at that time, it was real. The almost musical sound of the rain on my hood, on the tarp stretched across the nearby hole, on the mud and in the puddles, soothed me in a way that I have to describe as meditative. I listened and I heard the weather like never before and I laughed at myself for even thinking such things (so not the stiff upper lip English gent that I like to be seen as). But I couldn't deny it. The rain and my new found kinship with it was having a cathartic effect upon me. It was quite literally washing away my misery and turning what could have been hours of soul destroying toil into a joyful experience.

That's when I turned, stepped on an especially slippery piece of Canadian shield, up ended and fell backside first into a good four inches of mud. My first reaction was to laugh but then I realized that I'd put my hands down to catch my fall, the hand I'd been

holding my Twix bar in, the Twix I'd just opened and was about the take a bite of while watching the aforementioned rain squalls come billowing across the lake.

The Twix was caked in mud and grit.

The meditation was broken; undone in an instant.

I was wet and cold and extremely annoyed that my chocolate bar was ruined.

I stood listening to the rain (and my buddy laughing at me still holding my mud-caked Twix). I tried to tune out, zone back in but the laughter cut through it. No, the laughter soon died away but the music of the rain continued. The thing was, it had stopped playing a symphonic masterpiece and now sounded like the dirge that suited the work that we were doing. Did I say rain is a multidimensional phenomenon? I did? Hmm, well it's also wet!



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Letters to the editor

Eye on the street: What do you think about on Remembrance Day?



Bud English

Donald

Thankful that the fighting was over there and not here. My brother was in the war. He came back here in bad shape.

Jeanette Hie

Haliburton

I think about all the men that died overseas did for us. It is certainly good that we won. I thank God for what they did for us.



Pete Smith

Haliburton

Very thankful that my kids do not have to go to war. I have been to Dunkirk and seen the war graves in France. There are thousands and thousands of kids buried there.

Rene Frappier

Ottawa

I am from Ottawa and I think we should have the day off to remember the wars. The schools now teach about Remembrance Day and that is a good thing.



Shirley Mercer

Haliburton

My heart is full because my son is in the army. I am so grateful for the freedom we have here in Canada. I did not ever think the Question of the Week would bring tears to my eyes.

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Happy shopping.

Kim Stamp
 Haliburton

Chaining dogs is cruel

Dear editor,

In response to Natasha Coumbs' letter of last week "apologizing for me for my ignorance on hunting" – no need to do that. I am quite confident with my feelings on hunting, although hunting was not mentioned in my letter. Since we are on that page I would like to ask you, as a hunter, to educate your people on the cruelty of chained or caged dogs. Anyone that can justify a dog living on a chain obviously cannot relate to the feelings of any animal.

Back to the Trophy Wall – it indicates that the thrill of the kill overshadows the need for the meat.

I think Noel Hutchinson's letter covers the feelings of responsible hunting.

Judy Phipps
 Haliburton

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Documentary Query

Know of a dynamo/interesting documentary you've recently
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This coming winter the newly renovated Common Room will
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So to 'while-away' the winter evenings we hope to have a few
nights that break the bleakness and create some interesting
dialogue from viewing different kinds of
documentary-like videos.

Email us at gallery@mindenhills.ca with your suggestion and
we will keep an ongoing list.

Dates to be announced on our website.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

Sunday November 10, 2013 at 2:00 pm

Parade will commence at 1:45 pm from the
Minden Hills Public Parking Lot to the
County Cairn in the Village Green.

Alternate location - Minden Hills Community Centre
in the event of inclement weather.

Please also join all fellow Canadians
at 11:00 am for 2 minutes of
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Celebrate the lighting of the Township tree!

This year the lighting of the Township tree will take place on Sunday
November 17th from 4:30-5:30 pm at the Cultural Centre. There will be
carols and hot beverages to enjoy so bring your family out to spread a
little cheer this season.

The theme for the tree is "Nature Friendly" so only natural, biodegradable
ornaments are being asked to be put on the tree. Get creative and be
inspired by the environment around you. Don't forget to bring your
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formed in hanging flower baskets) Fill these little cups with bird seed or
other bird treats.

Bagel wreaths: This is a good one if you have any stale bagels lying
around. Slice the bagels and spread them with vegetable lard. Pour
bird seed out onto a plate and roll the bagels around on the bird seed
making sure to coat it as much as possible. Give the bagel a little shake
to loosen any seeds and then tie yarn or twine through the hole of the
bagel and tie off.

Bread cookie-cutter ornaments: These edible holiday decorations are
a good way to use stale bread, or if using fresh bread, toast it for a short
time to harden it up. Using cookie cutters cut shapes from the bread
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the top.

Pine Cone Bird Feeders: This edible holiday decoration for birds is a
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Spread vegetable lard in the crevices of the pine cones making sure to
be generous with the spread. The more on there the more bird seed will
stick to it. Roll the pine cones in the plates of bird seed being sure to
shake off any access seeds. Wrap the end of the cone with twine or yarn.

Birch Bark Stars: First find yourself some larger pieces of birch bark,
but do not pull it off of a tree. Look for some that is already on the ground.
Trace different star shapes (or any other kind of shape) on to the piece of
bark and cut out. Poke a hole in the top of your shape and tie a piece of
yarn or twine through the hole.



Festival of Trees

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre
elves are gearing up for this once
a year fundraiser event.

Bigger and better, this year promises to be another
impressive display of creative and unique trees, wreaths,
garlands, gift baskets and gift ideas.

This year the event will be held:

Friday, November 22 10 am - 8 pm

Saturday, November 23 10 am - 8 pm

Sunday, November 24 12 pm - 4 pm

Mark your calendar today! If you would like to volunteer
for this fundraiser event please contact Pam Smith
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Highlander news



Photo submitted by Aaron Berning

Steven Honderich stole this excavator and crashed it on Dark Lake Road. He was later arrested.

Deere season for joyrider

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

You don't see a runaway excavator every day, but it happened on Nov. 3 in Wilberforce.

Witnesses say that Steven Honderich, a 53 year-old male, stole a John Deere excavator from the sustainable library worksite and drove it erratically onto Loop Road. He drove the vehicle along the road, damaging guard rails along the way, and eventually got stuck on Dark Lake Road. Honderich fled on foot.

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) arrived on scene, and with the help of witnesses, located and arrested Honderich. He was charged with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, driving a motor vehicle with over 80 mgs of alcohol in 100 mls of blood, impaired operation of a motor vehicle, driving while disqualified, and theft of a motor vehicle over \$5,000.

The Highlands East Fire Department also responded to the call and blocked off the highway while the vehicle was recovered.

Haliburton County's director of public works, Doug Ray, said the county just installed those rails earlier in the year. He estimated damages will come in between \$6,000 to \$10,000 after the county replaces 30 metres of guard rails and hires a contractor to install them.

If Honderich's insurance doesn't cover the damages, it will have to come out of the public works budget. Ray said the project will need to get underway soon.

"It will be a priority," he said. "We'll be making a call to get it done right away."



Photo by Mark Arike

Tims is brewing

Tim Hortons is open for business. The new coffee shop opened on Nov. 4. Pictured above: Haliburton Tim Hortons employee Cody Easton serves up a double double at the drive-through.



Photo by Warren Riley

Minden Lions give coats for kids

The Minden Lions Club opened its doors offering gently used and newly dry-cleaned coats to anyone in need. The Coats for Kids and Families pickup was held on Nov. 2 at the Lions Club hall on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden. Anyone in need of a coat was able to take one, free of charge.

Pictured below: Left to right Lions Club members Paul Norry, Fwin Norry and Jim McKinnon sorting coats for the needy.

Highlander news

Sharing Christmas joy in a shoebox

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The goal is 550 shoeboxes.

Kathy Burk of Samaritan's Purse is spearheading the annual Operation Christmas Child campaign in Haliburton, and she wants to surpass last year's total.

Each year, the organization sends shoeboxes full of toys and hygiene items to kids in third world countries. Last year, Haliburton County collected 472 shoeboxes to send overseas.

"It's an opportunity for families to get together and do something together," she said. "They can go and teach their kids about sharing with other people in other countries."

The project started back in 1990, when a couple from Wales sent supplies and toys to an orphanage in Romania. In 1999, Samaritan's Purse took over Operation

Christmas Child and has been

running the campaign ever since.

So far, 100 million gift-filled boxes have been sent overseas, Burk said.

"It's the world's

largest Christmas project."

For Burk, participating in Operation Christmas Child is a way to help children through a Christian ministry she believes in.

"They have an opportunity to hear about the gospel message," she said.

After the children receive their shoeboxes, there is a follow up program, similar to Sunday school, that lasts 12 weeks. The project also gives the organization an opportunity to visit these villages and determine what other needs they may have.

They teach villagers about agriculture, provide water filters, and help construction or repair schools.

Prior to sending the shoeboxes to the villages, Samaritan's Purse workers go in to determine how many children are there and get consent from the villagers. The organization then sends as many shoeboxes as necessary, plus a few extra.

This year, four community groups are participating in the program. They include the Sparks/Brownies, Extendicare, McKeck's, and Stuart Baker Elementary School. Fifteen churches from around the county are also participating.

Donors should only use regular-sized shoeboxes. Extras are available at Master's Bookstore in the Village Barn in Haliburton. If you shop for your items locally, certain



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Kathy Burk shows her well-stocked shoebox.

locations are providing discounts to people who show their shoeboxes.

Haliburton V&S is providing 15 per cent off all purchases for the boxes. Haliburton Home Hardware is giving 25 per cent off small purchases up to \$5 in value, with a minimum purchase of \$15. Needful Things, also in Haliburton, is giving 15 per cent off purchases totaling more than \$10.

"You can include socks, hygiene items, and stuffed animals are a big thing," Burk said. "Even the boys love these stuffed animals. One young lad got a deflated soccer ball in a shoebox, and as he got a little older he started working with the younger kids with this soccer ball."

Shoeboxes are being collected at St. George's Anglican Church at 617 Mountain Street in Haliburton between Nov. 18 and Nov. 22. The collection centre will be open from Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9-11 a.m.

If St. George's is closed, drop offs can also be made to Cranberry Cottage and Master's Bookstore.

Donations are accepted online at www.samaritanpurse.ca. There are also materials, such as boy/girl labels, available to be printed from the site as well as additional information.



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County has second go at bridge funding

The Wallings Road bridge on Head Lake in Haliburton is back on deck for government funding.

The bridge replacement project was denied provincial infrastructure funding last year. Staff reported the county's lack of debt appeared to be an issue. Another expression of interest has been filed for the next round

of funding, and it references the possibility the county will finance construction of its new emergency medical services building in Minden. The county applied for 50 per cent funding of the estimated \$1.25 million cost for the bridge replacement, and has more than \$600,000 in reserve for its half.



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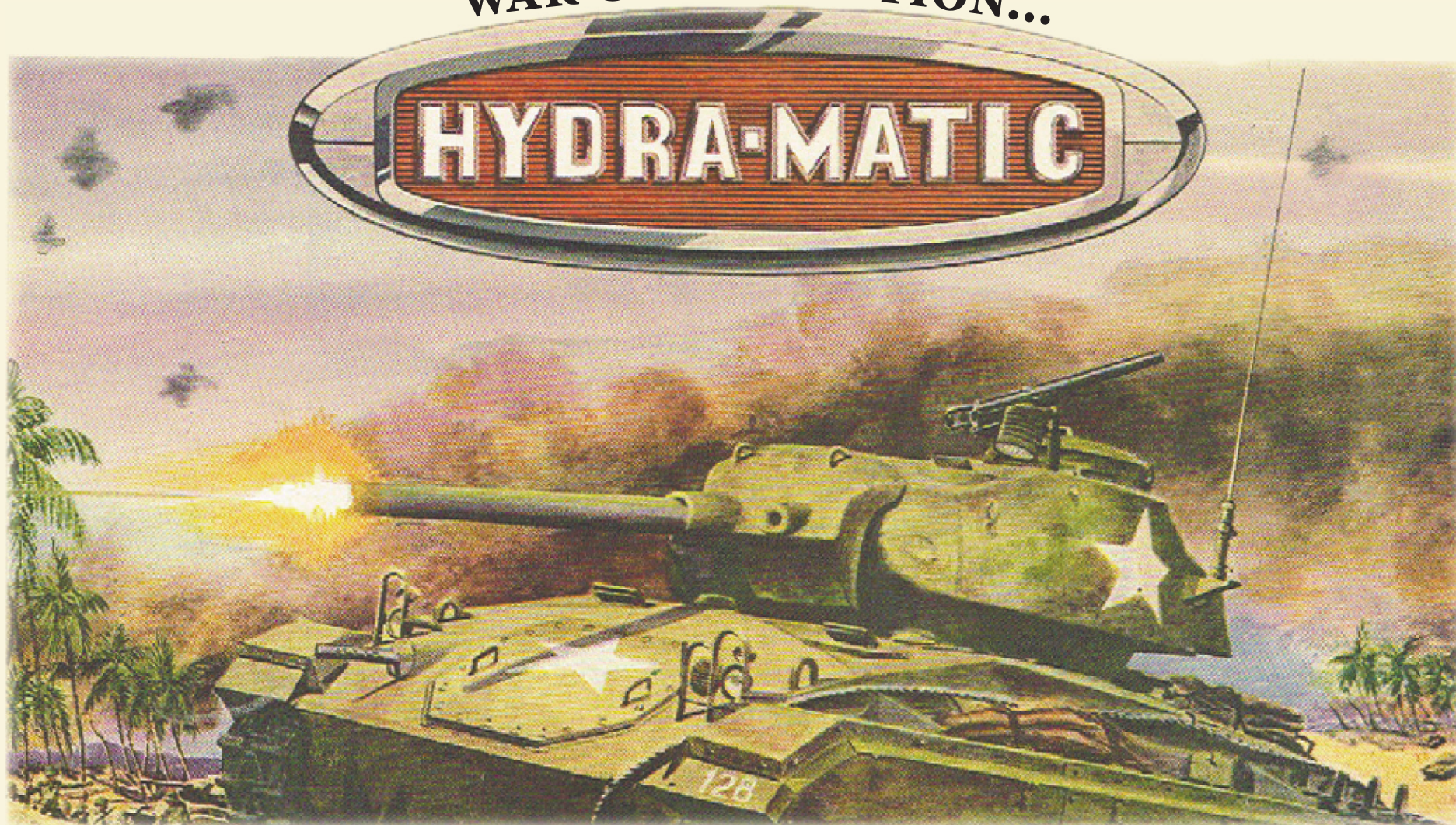
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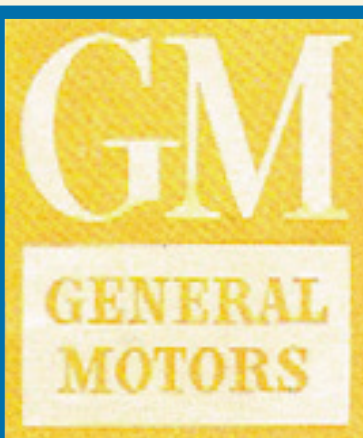
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Highlander news

Councillors cautious on Walker property

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

After several discussions over more than a year, county councillors have reached an agreement on the potential sale of part of the former Walker Fuels property: wait to make a decision.

The county purchased the property on Highway 35 north of Bobcaygeon Road in 2010 for development of a new emergency medical services (EMS) building, perhaps jointly with a new Minden Hills fire hall. Architectural design options have been drawn up for both building types and the property has been cleared and serviced.

To date the county has spent \$682,500 on the project from reserves, including \$394,000 on purchase costs.

Councillors scheduled a next-steps discussion for their Oct. 23 council

meeting, directing staff to come with full financial reports. Those steps included decisions on the building type, the architectural design for that type, where the entrances will be placed, whether to sell the vacant northern part of the property to offset expenses, and whether to finance the project.

Detailed discussions of the sale and financing options were deferred until the spring due to two events that could affect council's decisions.

The first is a priority-setting meeting in November to review all county goals.

"I'm not one to delay things, because I usually act quickly, but I don't think you want to do something that may have implications on what you want to do in the future," said councillor Suzanne Partridge. "So I think we need to have that session and [set] our priorities before we

make a decision."

The second event is a new Building Canada Fund program announcement, expected in spring, perhaps in the March federal budget. Staff members are working to ensure the county receives notice of eligibility criteria as soon as possible.

With Minden Hills reeve Barb Reid again confirming the township favours a joint building, councillors agreed to decide on the architectural design and entrances before spring so they can move quickly once the funding criteria have been announced.

County chief administrative officer Jim Wilson said staff had determined funds could be better spent by removing EMS administrative space from the plan. EMS director Pat Kennedy explained the main EMS administrative office in Haliburton is "out of room" but can manage for perhaps

another five years if need be. He said he will meet again with Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell to more closely review opportunities for shared spaces.

Excluding the EMS administrative component, staff estimated total project costs would be \$3.87 million for the joint building option, split at 63 per cent for Minden Hills and 37 per cent for the county based on estimated square footage. That would make the county's portion \$1.43 million. The county's financing costs, assuming a prime three per cent rate, would run from \$2.15 million over 10 years to \$2.47 million over 20 years.

Kennedy added that dropping the administrative component would also mean the building could be situated further south on the property, allowing for future expansion but still leaving a larger northern lot for potential sale.

County council maintains hold on affordable housing funds

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

A request from the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation (KLHHC) for control of the county's affordable housing surpluses has been denied by county council.

The KLHHC oversees affordable housing for the county and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

KLHHC chief executive officer Hope Lee requested the county budget \$606,409 for county buildings for 2014, a decrease of \$158,859 over 2013 achieved through various cost-saving measures. The request was deferred to county budget deliberations.

Lee also requested the county agree to placing surpluses from completed county capital projects into a county-only capital reserve managed by KLHHC. She said this would give the corporation greater management flexibility and the ability to respond to any emergency more swiftly.

Staff advised the proposed change would affect county budget reporting since the reserves would have to be stated, even though not in hand, and emergency funds can be released quickly by the county if needed.

Council elected to retain control of the county's funds, emphasizing this did not indicate a lack of trust.

Food, outdoors and art in tourism plan

Businesses glad as Highlands marketing moves forward

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

The Ontario Culinary Tourism Association (OCTA) reports that the average culinary tourist spends two times more than a "generic" tourist overall, three times more on fine dining and 40 per cent more on accommodation.

The growth and benefits of culinary tourism are not lost on county director of tourism Amanda Ranson. Just three months into the role, the former public relations agency vice president began presenting a new tourism brand plan, approved by council Oct. 23. It will focus the county's 2014 tourism efforts and budget (in line with 2013) on promoting arts and culture, outdoor adventure and food.

The plan includes a new logo, the new tagline #MyHaliburtonHighlands (incorporating the Twitter hashtag symbol), branded clothing through a supplier such as Roots (think Muskoka sweatshirts), new highway welcome signs, a culinary tourism development project with OCTA and, hopefully, a piece of the province's new \$30 million Local Food Fund pie.

Ranson regularly attends the county's tourism committee and Haliburton Highlands Tourism Stakeholders (HHTS) committee

meetings. She also visited with numerous other stakeholders to gather detailed input for the plan.

"The loudest thing that I was hearing really was, 'We just want to move forward with something,'" says Ranson, adding another was, "We should be like Muskoka."

"I think the big thing is recognition."

Stakeholders appear to be pleased with the final results.

Terri Matthews and chef Christoph Carl own The Pines on Boshkung resort. Their restaurant Rhubarb has moved to Carnarvon and will re-open in December along with a new microbrewery, The Boshkung Brewery Co., with Blake and Jennifer Paton.

"There's a clearer vision now for our marketing plan and I definitely think having the food is a big draw," says Matthews. "People are really looking for artisan foods and nice beer, and that's why we're doing what we're doing... Chris has been using only local and organic food for 30 years."

With wife Thea and others, John Patterson has turned a decommissioned gravel pit into Abbey Gardens, a sustainable centre that currently includes a two-acre market garden, Food Hub and Community Kitchen.

"We've been quite pleased with the approach that [Ranson] is taking," says Patterson. "She's included the culinary tourism and food, which we are very delighted about, because I think it's probably the first time that that category has appeared [in the county's tourism focus.]"

He hopes it will eventually encompass agricultural tourism.

Dale Rider, who co-owns Buttermilk Falls Resort with husband John, sits on the county tourism and HHTS committees and the resort is one of 16 Adventure Haliburton members.

"The one thing I like first and foremost about #MyHaliburtonHighlands is it is completely inclusive, period," says Rider. "It is whatever it is for you. So if it's hunting or hockey or cottaging or whatever it is, it's yours and you own it, which I think is fantastic."

"I think it's great," says Barb Bolin about the plan. "It has something bigger that we can sell to a broader audience."

Bolin established the Haliburton School of the Arts, chairs the Haliburton Sculpture Forest board and is vice-chair of the Abbey Gardens board. She says she's pleased to see the plan addresses the county's existing culture, and that combining arts and culture, outdoor adventure and food will help the county and stakeholders maximize their "very limited" budgets.

The plan is a fresh start and as such "gives all of us a reason for optimism," says HHTS co-chair Barrie Martin, owner of Yours Outdoors and an Adventure Haliburton member.

What's critical now is for operators to step forward and make it work, he adds.

"One can make the argument that all [businesses] in Haliburton County are connected to tourism one way or the other," says Martin. "It's really important that all of us... get engaged, work and take some initiative around this."

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Highlander business



Subaru owners Tammy and Tran LaRue with the Target Formula 1 racing car.

Photo by Warren Riley

Indy car steals the show

By Warren Riley
Contributing writer

The bright red Target F1 racing car in the main showroom at Minden Subaru grabbed a lot of attention this past weekend.

At a price tag of approximately \$2.6 million, Minden Subaru owners Tammy and Tran LaRue brought in the car to help promote a tire sale, and the move paid off.

A steady stream of individuals converged on the dealership to ask about tires.

In addition to the F1 car, a personal operational racing simulator was available for any customers wishing to experience the excitement behind the wheel of a real racing car.

The Minden Lions Club set up a barbecue with proceeds going to charity.

"We are here to help support local

businesses such as Minden Subaru," said Lions Club treasurer Brian Moore. "It gives us an opportunity to be in the community and we are running our BBQ as a charity event to raise some money."

The LaRues donated \$10 to the Minden Lions Club for each set of tires sold during the promotion.



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Spooky times at Canadian Tire

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Highlander arts

– November winds

Olivia lay in bed and listened. Starting slowly, the sound picked up speed until it wrapped itself around the house. The old windows rattled. Breathy gusts sang down the stove pipe and the embers glowed brighter in the open hearth. Olivia could not see them this night but she knew how they looked.

Sometimes when curled like a caterpillar with a satisfyingly thick book she would lift her head and gaze at the fire. Its orange heat highlighted her features: the straight nose, the deep-set eyes, the fluid mouth and serious brow. Beside her the coal oil lamp lit the pages adequately enough if she leaned slightly toward it.

But tonight she had closed the book and walked up the narrow twisty stairs to her attic bedroom. Up here the air had more bite to it and she quickly changed out of her clothes, almost diving under the eiderdown.

Now she reclined against the flannel sheets and let her mind roam. November and March were the transitional months when the wind made its presence known in a convincing way. It pulled at clothing, turned rain to needles and bent even

the mightiest trees to its will. It sang through pine trees and scuttled clouds into churning seas.

It also gave Olivia delicious shivers. There was something energizing about a big blow. She wanted to run outside and feel it against her face even while she lay in bed, snugly warm.

The wind had always had that effect on her. In late summer she watched it ripple across the fields, hay moving like the ocean. It threw apples to the ground so the orchard looked like forgetful children had left behind a jumble of toys.

Weekends at the old farm was the best place to experience November winds. Without the hum of electric-powered machines, only the crackling fire and her own breathing competed with the wind. The open fields gave it free rein and sometimes, if not reading, Olivia liked to sit before the fire with a mug of sweet tea and conjured all the places the wind had been and would be going. She imagined it sometimes as a woman in trailing clothes riding the night sky. Or perhaps a wildly bearded man huffing and puffing its anger at all in his path.

Down our Road



By Sharon Lynch

wind; instead she would have to endure the hum of appliances.

But those changes could wait. Olivia was the one to make the decisions and she was not ready to alter her farm weekends yet. She loved feeling as though she had stepped back in time every Friday as she drove down the cedar-lined laneway.

The darkened log structure stood outlined against the dwindling light of November. Soon the old windows would cast a soft lamp-lit glow into the night. A curl of smoke would rise into the darkness, the odd flash of ember like a lightening bug moving skyward on the updraft of heat.

When she stepped out of her car, there was always a wind bringing the country air smells to her nose. The cedars, the damp earth and decaying apples. The scent of her world brought to her on the wind.

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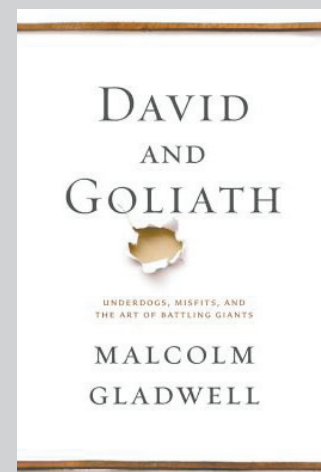


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3. *Cataract City* by Craig Davidson

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1. *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants* by Malcolm Gladwell
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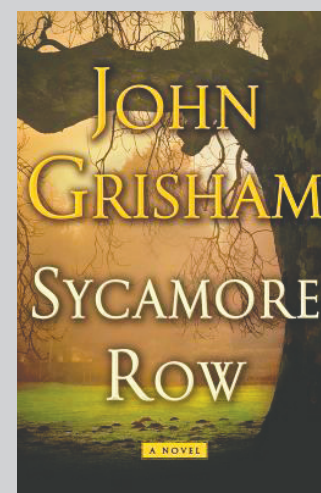
1. *Fangirl* by Rainbow Rowell (YA)
2. *More than This* by Patrick Ness (YA)

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NEWS

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Highlander environment

2,000 acorns give hope for oaks

Wildlife to benefit from planting project

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Haliburton's forests are changing.

With beech bark disease threatening large beech trees and the emerald ash borer on its way, our forests may never be the same. And it will impact the wildlife here, as well.

As more nut trees succumb to disease, many animals will be hard-pressed to replace those sources of nutrition, said Wilberforce resident Mark Bramham.

"If we lose those species, what is there left for the animals," he said. "People have to realize that. What we hold dear and cherish in Haliburton is the natural world, and not only the plants, but also the animals. If we lose those important food sources, what are they going to do?"

Bramham owns Greenmantle Farms, a popular mineral tour attraction in Highlands East. His property is next to a

land-locked portion of Crown land which contains a significant red oak forest. That forest is scheduled by the Ministry of Natural Resources to be logged, but instead of staying negative about possibly losing those trees, he has been proactive in preserving the species.

This fall, Bramham, along with students from Wilberforce Elementary School, collected over 2,000 red oak acorns. They were sent home with the students and distributed across the county for planting.

Two members of the Haliburton Field Naturalists planted over 200 of the acorns in Glebe Park. Another thousand acorns were split between Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton Museum for distribution, and even more were sent to the various municipal offices in Highlands East.

Almost all of the acorns have been planted.

"The kids from Wilberforce took them home," Bramham said. "We get them established and they become seed trees for blue jays to pick up acorns and spread them other places."

The reason Bramham is concerned with logging the red oaks is that they struggle to regenerate. The trees don't do well with competition or shade. This means they grow tall on hills, but if there is

significant competition nearby, the young trees will die. He's concerned that if the MNR logs the red oaks, they will not regenerate properly.

To give the acorns a chance to turn into large red oaks, each student was given planting instructions. They were told to plant the acorn in a sunny spot and put stakes in the ground to mark the tree. If deer are about they should put wire around the stakes to protect it. They also need to check in on the tree and remove

competitors.

The hope is to spread red oaks across the county and keep the species alive and well.

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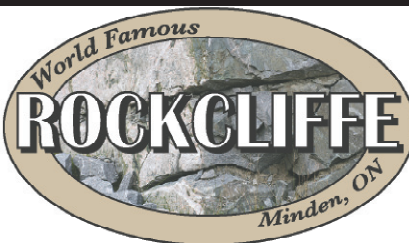
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Highlander health



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Dr. Nell Thomas will begin practice in Minden in December and looks forward to using her new kayak in the Highlands.

County quest for doctors pays off

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing Writer

The county's professional recruitment committee has a new focus now that the Highlands has a "healthy stock" of physicians.

Following recent strategic direction discussions, the committee drafted new terms of reference. It will now play a supporting role to the county's Family Health Team (FHT) in recruitment, and focus on advocacy and communications to ensure people are able to access the county medical system and receive adequate health care.

The committee is jointly accountable to county council and the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) board of directors. County councillor Liz Danielsen, committee chair, met with the HHHS chief executive officer and a FHT representative prior to the

committee's strategic direction meeting.

"They all seem to agree that the committee doesn't need to do active recruiting right now," said Danielsen. "We're looking at a healthy stock of physicians in the county."

The two newest doctors are Dr. Judy Suke and Dr. Nell Thomas. Suke is already practising in Haliburton and has taken over part of Dr. Robert Heyes's large practice. She graduated this year and is eligible for the county's recruitment incentive funding.

Thomas closed her Erin practice Oct. 31 and will replace Dr. Bennet Wu in Minden, who left earlier in the year, beginning Dec. 2. Thomas will join the FHT.

She said leaving her Erin patients has been so difficult that she never wants to have to go through that again.

"So when I get to Minden, I'm crossing all my fingers and toes that it is everything heaven-sent that I think it will be, and I'm

never leaving again."

It helps that the county has so many lakes and ski trails. Thomas grew up in Kearney with access to both and hasn't been far from either since. She and her husband Robert Carter, a chief information officer, and their Australian Shepherd Emma will move from their farm north of Guelph to live on a lake, and Thomas is already keen to tackle county ski trails this winter.

Thomas started out to become a translator, switched to speech pathology and eventually ran her own consultancy in that field, picking up a Masters degree along the way. When the Northern Ontario School of Medicine opened in 2005, Thomas told her husband, "You don't know this about me, but I've always wanted to be a doctor."

She was 38.

Thomas completed her residency at McMaster University in a rural family

medicine program, working out of Mount Forest, and has practised in Erin for two years.

She says she has about 1,000 patients and her goal is 1,200. Those interested in becoming a patient can contact Rhonda at the FHT's Minden site at 705-286-2500.

"I'm very much looking forward to getting in there and meeting everyone," said Thomas.

Meanwhile, the professional recruitment committee is walking out their new mandate. Members will not attend recruitment conferences this year, but with funding from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, the committee will continue with marketing initiatives to promote the "work where you play" theme. These include a county promotional video, enhancement of the committee website, social media development and education sessions.

The committee's next meeting is Dec. 9.



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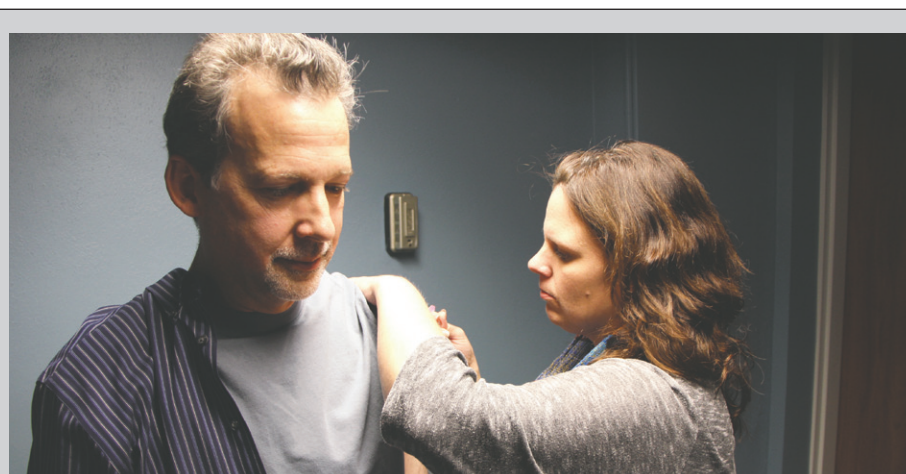


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HHHS aims to boost flu shot take-up

Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is targeting 70 per cent immunization rate this year between the Haliburton and Minden sites. Last year, the sites combined for a flu immunization rate of only 67 per cent. Staff and volunteers who do not get the shot will be required to wear a mask and gloves while in patient care areas for the duration of their shift in the event of a community outbreak.

Pictured above, Michelle Douglas gives HHHS director Jeff Gollob his flu shot.

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Highlander life



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Kerri Ann Rutledge of Cooperators provides Max Ward with a \$500 donation.

Mortgage burning party

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

After only a year, Places for People has paid off its \$55,000 second mortgage on its Camarvon property.

At the organization's AGM on Nov. 1, the assembled membership learned that it has only taken a year to pay off the mortgage provided by the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC).

"It's been a very successful year," said then Places for People president Fay Martin, who stepped down from her role at the end of the meeting. "Within a year of the tenants moving into the Camarvon property, Places for People has achieved its goal of paying off the second mortgage of \$55,000 thereby rendering the remaining mortgage sustainable from rents that are affordable for a tenant."

Andy Campbell, general manager of the HCDC, was on hand to announce the mortgage had been paid off.

"I'd just like to take a moment to congratulate the organization on repaying [the mortgage] in one year," he said. "We're ready for another house, whenever you guys are ready."

Together with Tracey Dyson, loans officer for HCDC, Campbell presented the mortgage to Max Ward, Places for People's treasurer, to literally burn the papers.

Once the embers were out, talk turned to fundraising.

Throughout the last year, Places for People has received support from a number of organizations and individuals. Their biggest fundraiser of the year, the Highland Yard, raised almost \$10,000, Martin said. She

added that the organization does not receive a lot of government money.

"We're beginning to recognize that we are rare among housing not-for-profits in that we are creating and operating affordable homes without, or with very little, government support," she said. "There's not much government money around. For most people that means not much happens, [but] we continue to grow and do well in those circumstances, which we should be very proud of."

Kerri Ann Rutledge of the Cooperators was on hand to demonstrate the community support that has kept Places for People going first hand, by donating a \$500 cheque to the organization.

Later in the meeting, the board of directors voted to change the way Places for People handles its membership to better accommodate legislation that's coming down the pipe.

Martin said the government is now requiring organizations to have 50 per cent plus one of its membership at an AGM. Until now the organization has been lax on its membership regulations and it would be impossible to meet those regulations. As such, the board of directors voted in favour of limiting membership to Places for People to board members only, thereby ensuring the organization adheres to incoming provincial membership guidelines.

Although Martin stepped down as president, she will continue on as a member of the board. The president's chair is now open and will be voted upon by the board at a later meeting.



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Brianna discovers School's Cool

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Brianna Vanderstarre is a four-year-old girl with autism.

This was going to be her first year in junior kindergarten, but it wasn't until only a few months ago that her parents felt comfortable sending her to school.

Christy Vanderstarre, Brianna's mother, said she and her husband were unsure what they were going to do.

"[School's Cool] took a lot of anxiety off my husband and I, because we weren't even sure we were going to put her in junior kindergarten this year," she said. "We got this sense of relief that she went through the School's Cool program, and we thought she was ready for school."

Back in July, Vanderstarre decided to enroll her daughter into the program.

"My main concern was to get her used to peers, waiting in line, and just being in the school setting," she said.

Through School's Cool, children spend six weeks in a classroom over the summer, learning how to behave at school. They learn about rules, what's expected of them, and they become familiar with the new environment.

"It's perfect for somebody like Brianna

who has autism," Vanderstarre said. "There's consistency. It's in the school setting, she

gets to be around peers, she gets to learn the classroom routine, the needs and what is expected. She even got to meet her teacher."

Because Brianna has a very short attention span when it comes to being patient, one of the big accomplishments was learning to stay in line.

"She was lining up to go inside, lining up to come in. They got to go for a bus ride. That was another concern of ours, but she did well on the bus."

Along with approximately 20 other students, Brianna learned to be comfortable

in large groups. Workers in the classroom helped the young students' early skills

like counting and learning the alphabet.

Brianna was already very gifted in those areas, her mother said. But they did discover that she was able to communicate with the adults using picture cards, which has helped in the classroom.

"They had picture boards, and Brianna does well with pictures," Vanderstarre said. "They show her something and she'll know what to do and what's expected. She was able to communicate with the women that were working with her."

Now in a classroom with 34 other students, Vanderstarre said Brianna would not be doing as well as she is today without School's Cool.

"It just helped her get ready for the school, so come September it's not a big shock," she said. "I think she would be a little further behind [without the program], and I think she would have a little bit more anxiety."

Now that her daughter has gone through the program, Vanderstarre said she would recommend it to any other parents.

"Their special needs child, if they have one, can do this program too. They give you weekly updates, what your child has done the week before. If they're working on numbers [for example], they'll let you know your child can count to 10, and what's the next step."

Gene Robertson, SIRCH's executive director, said the School's Cool program has shown itself to be effective for students with exceptionalities. She cited a program by Mothercraft in Ottawa that is designed for students on the autism spectrum.

SIRCH is currently running its Gifts from the Heart catalogue fundraiser. People who want to donate can do so by visit the website at www.sirch.on.ca. Donors are able to choose which SIRCH program to support directly, or can make a general donation if that is preferred.

"This is about people giving so that children like Brianna get a great start to school," Robertson said.

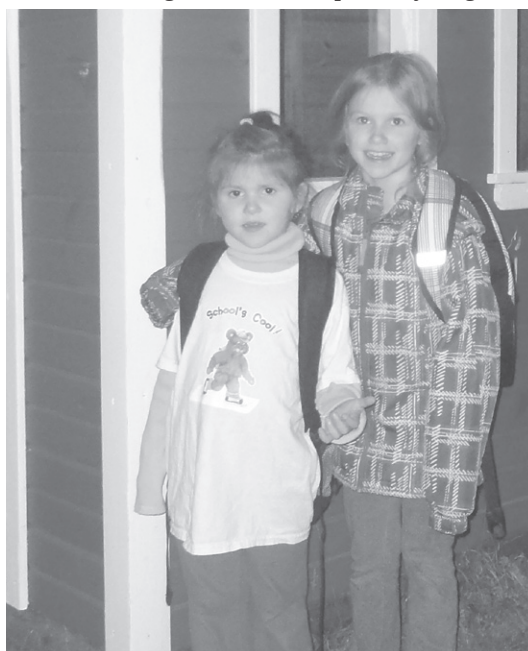


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Rotary helps library expand

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Pictured above: Bessie Sullivan accepts a \$1,500 cheque from the Rotary Club of Haliburton to expand and update the book collection at the Wilberforce library branch. From left are Richard van Nood, Maureen O'Hara, Bessie Sullivan, and David Zilstra.

Junior highlanders



Photo submitted by Karin Aschenbrennar

Keith Burley has officially qualified as a Canadian Forces basic paratrooper. Left: Burley in his parachuting gear. Right: Burley graduates from the paratrooper course.

Haliburton teen gets military wings

By Will Jones
Contributing writer

Keith Burley is a 19-year-old kid from Haliburton.

Like many other local teenagers, Burley has graduated from high school and is now attending university. Unlike any other teen in Haliburton, he is also qualified as a Canadian Forces basic paratrooper.

The first cadet from Haliburton's 1129 Hastings & Prince Edward Regiment to achieve such high honour, Burley undertook the Canadian Forces Basic Parachutist Course over five weeks in the summer and passed with flying colours.

"This is a huge achievement for Keith [Burley] and our regiment," says 1129 Regiment officer commanding, Captain Karin Aschenbrenner. "Not many cadets make the grade as it is such a highly regarded course and so to see [him] graduate is such a boost to all of the cadets in our core. They see that they could also achieve the highest of goals if they really try and it makes the staff feel great, too."

Burley was recommended for the course by his superior officers in 1129 Regiment. He was then chosen from hundreds of applicants from across Canada and undertook a pre-para fitness test at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Trenton during spring break in March. Passing this test meant returning for the five week training course in July. It is an extremely physical and mental test of character that few of those outside of the military can imagine.

Two weeks of physical training – what Burley sarcastically calls "fun" – team building exercises, visits to places such as CFB Petawawa, and chances to meet and train with military elite including 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, were followed by three weeks of intense jump training at the Canadian Army Advanced Warfare Centre.

"We'd get up at 5:30 a.m. and go on a 5-kilometre run just to get our blood flowing, ready for the day," says Burley. "Then, after morning inspection at 7 a.m. we'd have classes until 5 p.m. Our teachers' philosophy was teach once then drill it out and get it right

from then on. They'd all say 'Pay attention to my demonstration because this is the standard you must achieve to make it to J-stage.' If you failed to make the grade on any part of the training you failed the course."

After initially jumping from a 32-foot high tower to practise landing, Burley and the other cadets got to make five real parachute jumps from 1,250 feet, two from a Casa-C12 training aircraft and three from a Royal Canadian Air Force Hercules.

"The jumps were amazing," says Burley. "We did one with no equipment, one with our rucksack and three with full equipment, including the final one at night. I didn't have any fear, I just wanted to feel how it was to jump. We had to step up to the exit in turn, shout 'airborne' and jump. It was so exhilarating."

After that first parachute jump Burley did what all good boys would do: he called his mom.

"I think I was just screaming, I was so pumped," laughs Burley.

"He was so excited and we were so proud of him making that first jump," his mother,

Janet Burley, adds.

Burley graduated at 10 a.m. on Aug. 9, just 10 hours after completing his fifth and final training jump. His family travelled to CFB Trenton to see his graduation and he has since gone on to study at Carleton University, where he plans to double major in journalism and political sciences. He plans to become a public affairs officer in the Canadian Forces.

"Burley is an inspiration to all of our cadets and hopefully to other young people who might think about joining 1129 Regiment," Captain Aschenbrenner says. "The cadet program focuses on social development, decision-making and leadership and Burley is real testament to what our kids can do when they put their minds to it."

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Highlander sports

Minden Canadian Tire Novice

Submitted by Ron Hall

On Saturday Nov. 2 the Huntsville Otters came to Haliburton to play the Minden Canadian Tire Novice Storm team.

Huntsville opened the scoring with a goal in the first. Despite goalie Damon Harriss doing his best at keeping the puck out with the Otters still pouncing, they scored three more. Matthew Vargas scored unassisted to lift the Highland Storm. They pounded the net for the rest of the period trying their best to get back in the game. The storm regrouped and came out flying in the third. With Evan Gilbert's hard work and determination he scored unassisted to make the game 4-2. Both teams fought back and forth, but Huntsville rushed the net and scored to make the tally 5-2.

The Highland Storm pounced back at the Otters trying their best to gain back the goals they needed. They didn't back down but came up short with Huntsville winning the game 5-2. The Highland Storm Novices play again on Nov. 9 at 11 in Minden against Oro.

The Minden Car Quest Midget B Girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden Car Quest Midget B girls hosted the Durham West Lightning in Minden on Sunday, Oct. 27. The girls were a little slow out of the blocks in the first period and battled the Lightning for an early lead. Erin Little capitalized on a rebound and scored the first of two goals to give the Storm a 1-0 lead. The Lightning notched the score at one in the second period. Not giving in to fatigue, the Storm girls dug deep and secured the lead again on Little's second goal of the night. Connor Marsden protected the lead, and win, with some timely saves in the third period.

The girls played West Northumberland in a

home-and-home series on Nov. 2 and 3. At home on Saturday, the Storm squad jumped out to an early 1-0 lead mid-way through the first period of an unassisted goal by Little. The rush came off a face off in the Storm end where Little broke free from the defence and slipped the only goal of the game past the Lightning tender. Many chances were exchanged by both teams throughout the game but no more tallies were recorded. Marsden continued her strong focus between the pipes and held the Lightning off the game sheet in the 1-0 shutout win.

The second game of the home-and-home saw the Storm travel to Cobourg for a Sunday night contest. The Storm were put to the test early when West Northumberland was awarded a penalty shot mid-way through the first period. Marsden challenged the Lightning shooter and shut the front door to keep the game scoreless. The Storm used this key save to spark their game and jumped out to 2-0 lead with goals from Brynn Meyers and Kelsey Maracle. The Lightning never gave up their pressured attack and turned the game in their favour with three tallies and a 3-2 lead in the third period. Kennadal Marsden tied the game late in the third with a neutral zone rush off a nice D to D pass that ended with a wrister from high in the slot finding the back of the net. The Storm held on for a tie and moved into third place in the LLFHL Midget B East division with a 4-1-2 record.

Haliburton/Minden Lions Club Atom AEs

Submitted by Rich Smith

The team started November with a tough three-game weekend that proved the young team's grit. A determined Storm team squared off against Manvers' A Mustangs in Haliburton and gave the visitors all they could handle. Emily Alexander scored her second marker of the season from the blue ice, assisted by Nick Phippen bringing the crowd to its feet and showing that the Storm

were here to play. Phippen then scored in the second from Ava Smith and Emma Tidey taking a 2-1 lead and shocking the guests. In the third the visitors gathered steam and netted five unanswered goals on their way to victory, however, notice had been served that the young Highland team was no longer to be overlooked.

As the clocks fell back Sunday, the AEs headed north to Mactier and played their two best games of the season. In game one the Storm scored early in their first shift as Hunter Winder hooked up with Phippen and Smith before the crowd had even warmed their seats. Game on. The two teams traded goals until the third when Mactier took a 3-2 lead that they would not surrender, despite several thrilling Storm near misses.

The Highlanders, buoyed by their gritty play and strong fan support, grew in confidence and determination. After gelling as a team over a Nesbitt barbecue buffet served off the tailgate of a RAM pickup and country music, the team returned to the ice to carve out a gritty 3-3 tie in game two. Don Cherry would have been proud.

Backstopped by Darian "Houdini" Willis and the steady defensive control of Ty Mills, Smith, Sterling Nesbitt and Winder, the Storm contained the bigger North Muskoka squad frustrating their offense. Wingers Brendan Coumbs, Owen Harrison, Emma Tidey, Zach Davis, Ben Robinson and Alexander fought tirelessly on the boards in true workman fashion keeping the fans on the edge of their seats. Again and again centers Jaylin Frost and Phippen aggressively led their teammates into battle, scrapping for pucks in a hard-nosed tilt. Phippen scored two unassisted markers and later took an Owen Harrison feed off the boards down the ice to complete the hat trick.

Every shift this team gets tougher. Every game they grow.

Highland Storm Hockey

Haliburton Family Medical Center Pee wee AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

The Highland Storm Haliburton Family Medical Center Pee wee AE hosted the Almaguin Devils this past Saturday. The team has struggled against this team in the past but were determined not to let the Devils get the better of them again. Almaguin started quickly but Jaxson Campbell continued his stellar play in net, making several key saves early. The Devils continued to pressure though and scored two goals in the period. As the seconds ticked away, Brady Baldry found Paul Turner in the slot who wristed a shot that deflected off an Almaguin defender and over the goalie to bring the score to within one. It was all Almaguin in the second though, and the game quickly got away from the Highland unit. Almaguin potted three goals in the period, holding a four goal edge by the end of the second. When faced with a score that was quickly getting out of control, the team had to make the decision to give up and let the game go or dig deep and find a way to fight back. With authority, the squad chose option two. It was an entirely different game in the third as the Storm found another gear. Tanner Crang assisted on Denver Allore's goal who scored midway through the period and Carter Bull, with help from Crang and William Petrie, potted another to bring the game within two. The team continued to pressure the beleaguered Devil squad and forced the team to make many mistakes in their own zone. The defensive unit of Colby Lamshead, Braedon Robinson and Billy Walker were a tireless unit and deserve a great deal of credit for adapting their game and pressuring the talented set of Devil forwards. There were several more chances but the team simply ran out of time.



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Red Hawks advance to COSSA

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

Red Hawks junior football coach Bruce Griffin called it the Mud Bowl, and as the last whistle blew his team was Kawartha Champions.

Under extreme conditions, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) junior football team took advantage of the sodden playing field on Oct. 31 in Bancroft and shut the door on the Fenelon Falls Falcons, earning themselves the championship and a ticket to play in the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) championships.

"We were able to use the miserable weather to our advantage," said Griffin. "Quarterback

Jaydon Wood played an exceptional game and threw for an incredible 160 yards. It was Jaydon's best game of the season."

"We caught the Falcons' quarterback off-guard several times," Griffin added.

Mark Ryder scored two touchdowns and ran for 328 yards, while Ethan Cooper also scored two touchdowns.

With only a minute and five seconds left to play, leading the game 26-21, the Red Hawks' defence had to be big.

"Our defence held true and we won," Griffin said. "Now we go to the COSSA championship. I'm really proud of the job everyone did

and they deserve to go to COSSA." The COSSA championship games will be held on Nov. 7 in Haliburton at the high school.

Our defence held true and we won.

Bruce Griffith

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What's on



Photo submitted by The 24th Street Wailers

The 24th Street Wailers are coming to Haliburton County to rock for the Haliburton County Folk Society.

Break into dance with rising stars

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The 24th Street Wailers are coming to town.

On Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m., the band will be playing a show at the Haliburton Legion, and the Haliburton County Folk Society wants everyone to come out and enjoy the show.

"I saw these guys at annual Folk Music Ontario showcase two falls ago," said artistic director Walter Tose. "These guys were the first show I saw, and they just kinda blew me away. It's blues with a bit of jazz infusion. More than anything, they're doing their own original materials."

The band consists of four members.

Lindsay Beaver is the drummer and vocalist. "She's got this gritty bluesy voice that really cuts through," Tose said.

Emily Burgess plays the guitar, and while she may look small, Tose said her playing is mighty.

"She's an amazing guitar player," he said, adding that he went up to her after the show and said she's the kind of player that really ticks older players off, because she's so good.

Rounding out the band are bassist Michael Archer and saxophonist Jon Wong.

"We've got it at the legion, and we're billing it as a concert that's probably gonna break out into a dance," Tose said. "They are up and coming. Not a household name in terms of Canadian entertainment, but I

think you're going to see their star rise more as they get known around the world.

Although the band is plugged in with electric instruments, the show will be enjoyable for all tastes.

"Any of our regular people who come out to our concerts would like [this concert]," Tose said. "Yes it's amplified sound, but I think they would enjoy the evening. Younger people too, people from the college for sure. I would think they are going to enjoy this if they don't know them already."

Opening the show is local Haliburton artist Benton Brown.

"He's one of those kids that is full of energy and life. I saw him two years ago at an open stage, and he was at that point [where he was] not matured as a performer.

But at the most recent open stage you could see the progress he's made."

Brown has been working on his own original songs. Tose said he will be playing a 20-minute set to open the show for the 24th Street Wailers.

This concert is the organization second of the 2013/14 series. There are four more concerts schedule for their series, which includes two at the Winter Folk Camp.

Tickets to the show cost \$25, or \$20 for Haliburton County Folk Society members. They can be purchased online at www.madeinhaliburton.ca, through the Photo Shop in Haliburton, and at Organic Times in Minden.

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Highlander events

Film Festival sales double

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing Writer

Our Man in Tehran topped the box office at this year's Haliburton International Film Festival.

The first screening of the hot new Canadian documentary at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Nov. 2 sold out and a second screening was added Nov. 3 to meet demand.

The icing on the cake was the opportunity to meet director/producers Drew Taylor and Larry Weinstein as they introduced the film and conducted a post-screening question-and-answer session. The pair volunteered for a repeat performance at the second screening and also attended the gala at Hali's Bistro following the first.

Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) committee member Roberta Coles said festival pass and ticket sales more than doubled over last year and attributed that primarily to *Our Man in Tehran*.

The documentary reveals Canada's daring efforts in rescuing six United States Embassy workers during the 1979 Iran hostage crisis. Hollywood's *Argo*, released at last year's Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), told the story from a primarily American perspective.

Enter Taylor and Weinstein to relate the full Canadian story. The team carefully edited about 100 hours of new interviews and another 100 hours of stock footage to create a riveting 85-minute tale of danger, intrigue and courage.

A former Toronto Blue Jays player, Taylor is finishing his PhD in biomedical engineering. He said although he enjoyed *Argo*, the film sparked his passion to detail Canada's role, and do it the year following *Argo*'s release

"as a bookend to the story".

"Larry has over 30 films and this is my first film," said Taylor at the gala. "So he was telling me... 'This could take about two years' and we're sitting there with less than a year to make it."

The film made it just under the wire for the Sept. 12 TIFF screening.

"[Larry] said, 'It was unrealistic, but because you were so determined, it's like everybody else stayed that extra hour every night or whatever it was to make the thing

come together,'" said Taylor.

HIFF is organized annually by Those Other Movies, one of 180 TIFF Film Circuit groups across Canada. Weinstein said TIFF recommended Haliburton as "one of the most enjoyable" festivals to attend.

"The audience was wonderful," said Weinstein. "It's one of those Q&A's that actually when you hear 'OK, one last question' you don't want it to be the last question. It could have been

that Q&A that went on for two hours."

"The audience understood the film very well," said Taylor. "It's always enjoyable to talk to people that are kind of pushing the boundaries on the Q&A and challenging you to answer their questions."

The gala was abuzz as the questions continued and patrons compared notes.

"It was a good retrospective and I think a good counterpoint to what I heard about *Argo*," said patron Alida Moffatt.

"I thought the editing was excellent," said Clark Moffatt. "It kept you focused... it was very well done."

Pam Casey said it was "great to hear it from the Canadian perspective." Doug Stittle agreed and added the filmmakers "did an incredible job."

"And it's the first film for that one young man [Taylor]," said Patti Lou Robinson.

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Terror on Wonderland Road raises \$3,000

Terror on Wonderland Road was a huge success this year, according to organizer Alex Bell. He and Cathy Barnett raised \$3,000 for the 4Cs Haliburton to distribute among the county's food banks. They also filled a boat with quality non-perishable items, Bell said.

Pictured left, Ron Mark (left) and Judy MacDuff of the 4Cs receive a \$3,000 donation from Cathy Barnett and Alex Bell.



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1. Tailed celestial body
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19. Glance over
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27. Thomas Edison, e.g.
31. Wind dir.
33. Espionage org.
34. "Once _____ a time..."
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40. Contestant
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45. Adjust again
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54. Gore and Roker
57. Volcanic rock
59. Untrained
60. Meeting
63. Cantaloupe, e.g.
67. "_____ dead people!" (2 wds.)
68. Advantage
69. Traditional saying
70. Sly glance
71. Look
72. Artistic category
73. Slips up
74. Pitch
75. Came to a close

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1. House (Sp.)
2. _____ hygiene
3. Relocate
4. Become visible
5. Plaid
6. Recipe measures (abbr.)
7. Quick tempo
8. Part
9. Begins
10. Charge
11. Hollywood award
12. Warning signal
13. Stage awards
22. Road curves
24. Astonish
27. Froster
28. On cloud _____
29. Tubs
30. Elects
32. Pallid
35. Roman fiddler
37. Pepper's companion
38. Buffalo's lake
39. Buck
41. Ump's kin
42. Start of a Dickens title (wds.)
44. Approach
47. Grove products
50. Most unusual
52. Harm
53. Norway's neighbor
54. Spry
55. Sci-fi weapon
56. Ranch animal
58. MTV feature
61. Towel inscription
62. Precious stones
64. Earth
65. Fairy tale monster
66. Deficiency

NOVEMBER 2013 EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY

Minden Sparks and Brownies meeting, 6-7:30 p.m.

Those Other Movies presents "Muscle Shoals" - Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 4:15-9:15 p.m.

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FRIDAY

Turkey dinner – St. Paul's Anglican Church, 5 and 6:30 p.m. sittings. Tickets in advance at Church office, Pharmasave and Organic Times.

Christmas Luncheon, White Elephant and Bake Sale – Minden United Church, 11:30 a.m. Lunch by donation.

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SATURDAY



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SUNDAY

Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary breakfast, 9:30-1 p.m.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

CARDIFF: Service at the Legion, November 11, 10:30 a.m. Service at the cenotaph at 11 a.m.

GELERT: Service at the Gelert cemetery, November 9, 1 p.m.

HALIBURTON: Church service at Haliburton Legion, November 11, 10 a.m. Parade to cenotaph, 10:45 a.m. followed by wreath laying ceremony, 11 a.m.

MINDEN: Service at the town Caim on Bobcaygeon Rd, November 10, 2 p.m.

WILBERFORCE: Wreath laying ceremony and service at the cenotaph, November 11, 10:45 a.m. Lunch to follow.

TUESDAY

Minden Guides and Pathfinders meeting, 6:30-8 p.m.

Contract Bridge – Minden United Church, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact 705-286-1305.

Euchre – West Guilford Community Centre, 7 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

Sexual Health Clinic – HKPR District Health Unit, 10:30-12 p.m.

Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary Bazaar, 9-2 p.m.

Turkey supper – Highland Grove Community Centre, 4-7 p.m. Adults \$12, 12 and under \$6.

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THURSDAY

Minden Sparks and Brownies meeting, 6-7:30 p.m.

Pickleball – Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gym, 7-9:45 p.m. \$4 and must have clean, indoor court or running shoes.

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SATURDAY

Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary Bazaar, 9-2 p.m.

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SUNDAY



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MONDAY

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WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LOCAL LEGION NOVEMBER 7TH - 13TH

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571)
General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Meat draw, Friday, 4:30 p.m.
50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.
Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.
Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Everyone welcome!

Minden Branch (705-286-4541)
Lunch menu, every Monday to Friday from noon – 2 p.m.
Cribbage, Saturday, 1-3 p.m.
Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime
Ladies Darts, Thursday, 1 p.m.
Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday from 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
NFL Sports Day, Sunday, noon – 5 p.m.

Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221)
Community Care 55+ lunch, 705-448-2106
Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m.
Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome!
Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.
L.A. Breakfast, Sunday, 9-12 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.
General meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Send your
community events to
ashley@haliburtonhighlander.ca

Last week's puzzle solutions

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Fun Fact:
Sherlock
Holmes
never said
"Elementary,
my dear
Watson".

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Highlander events



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Above: Wilberforce and Cardiff Elementary School students break it down to Michael Jackson's Thriller. Right: From left, Hailey Winter, Amelia Sommerville, Jocelyn Winter, and Owen Winter, are all dressed up and ready for the dance. The girls are dressed as characters from Monster High, while Owen is a skeleton.

Halloween thriller

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

There were thrills and definitely a few chills at the community centre in Cardiff as monsters and costumed crime-fighters busted moves on the dance floor.

On Nov. 1, students of the Wilberforce (WES) and Cardiff

(CES) Elementary Schools, in full Halloween costume, gathered at the community centre to dance and raise money for a year-end graduation event.

Dances were held regularly between the two schools up until four years ago. Steven Kauffeldt, Highlands East councillor and member of the parent council for the school, said

they were hoping to restart the tradition and host a monthly dance. The proceeds will continue to benefit the graduating class.

For more information on the dances, or to volunteer to help organize or chaperone the event, contact Kauffeldt at 613-339-2333.



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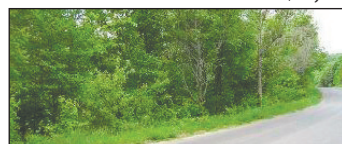
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- Spacious 3 bdrm in-town home, walking distance to all amenities & school
- View of Dark Lake from the living room.
- Upgraded high efficiency oil furnace, most of the windows
- Walkout basement, deck off dining rm overlooks a large back yard
- Public dock and boat launch are across the road

NORTH SHORE RD ACREAGE \$25,000



- 6.28 acre building lot with 460' of frontage on a municipally maintained year round road
- Well treed for privacy with several possible building locations
- Minutes from public access to Maple Lake (3 lake chain)
- In an area of fine homes and only 15 kms. to Haliburton

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- Building lot located right in Norland - close to all amenities and many trails and lakes.

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- 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 1560 sq ft of living space
- 3.24 acres, level land
- Detached single insulated garage
- Drilled well, septic
- Year round municipal road

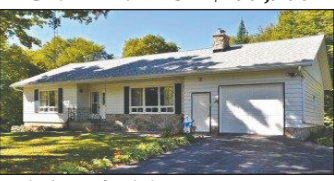


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- 3 bedroom family home
- Fully finished walk-out basement
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- 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3038 sq ft living space
- 107 ft sand frontage, 0.53 acres
- 22 ft pine ceilings, stone fireplace
- Floor to ceiling windows, custom kitchen
- Stunning expansive southern view

LAKESHORE DRIVE \$328,000



- Lovely 4 season brick bungalow with 160 ft. of wonderful lake frontage across the road on a very level lot and sand shoreline and great swimming/boating on Gooderham Lake
- 3 bedrooms, large eat-in kitchen, livingroom with french doors and high ceilings, partially finished basement and attached garage

OTTER LAKE \$464,900



- Royal Home, 4 season, open concept design
- 3+2 bedrooms, 2800 square feet of living space
- 379 ft. frontage, 8.84 acres, well treed Algonquin style lot
- Private, clean, natural shoreline, lakeside dock
- No motor, spring fed lake with great bass fishing



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GULL RIVER \$199,900



- 2 bedroom four season cottage
- Private level south exposure lot
- Newly renovated, new dock
- Single detached garage
- Boating to Gull Lake

STORMY LAKE \$350,000



- Newly renovated winterized 3 bdrm cottage
- Located at the quiet end of the lake
- 139 feet of shoreline with south-east exposure
- Heated line - level lot to water - borders Crown land
- Close to Haliburton and Gooderham

GREAT STARTER HOME \$149,900



- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1244 sq ft home
- Mature treed level 1.17 acre lot
- Attached insulated garage, sunroom
- A/C, Jacuzzi, hardwood floors, bunkie
- Close to snowmobile, ATV, walking trails

4 SEASON HOME/COTTAGE \$619,900



- 4 bedrooms, 2.5 washrooms
- 2600 sq ft of luxury living
- 113 ft of clean gradual shoreline
- Rare lakeside boathouse/cabin with sauna
- Close to Minden, easy 2 hrs to GTA



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4 SEASON HOME \$349,900



- 2000 sq. ft. home/cottage
- 160 ft. waterfront on spring fed lake
- Convenient 2 hour drive of the GTA
- Expansive southern view
- Close to Minden and all amenities

SPRING FED LAKE \$159,000



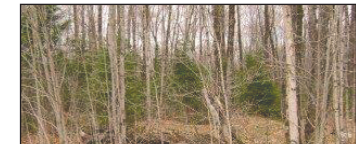
- 2 bedroom, 1 bath cozy cottage
- 100 ft frontage, over one acre
- Sunset views, extensive decking
- Bunkie for guests, sitting areas
- Turn key ready to enjoy

KOSHLONG LAKE \$699,000



- Extremely private custom waterfront home
- Spacious with many extra features
- Towering pines, rock shelf shoreline, great swimming
- Extensive decking
- Year round road close to Haliburton Village

GLAMOR LAKE RD \$38,900



- 1 km to swimming and boat launch at Glamor Lake
- Fairly level
- On municipal road
- Hydro at road



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- Double car detached garage
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- 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2200 sq ft living space
- Almost 400 ft river front, 2.85 acre
- Walk-out to huge deck, lower level screen porch
- 9 year new Royal Home, open concept
- Year round access, endless possibilities

1384 IRONDALE RD \$189,000



- 4 bedroom, 2 bath, open concept main floor
- Great kitchen - lots of counters/cabinets
- Newer propane furnace, central air
- Propane fireplace, carefree laminate floors
- Minutes to Salerno Lake boat launch

IRONDALE RIVER \$184,900



- Year-round 3 bedroom
- Large master with walkout to deck
- Appliances, laundry, many upgrades
- Newer windows, furnace, woodstove
- Large private lot sits high and dry



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GREAT STARTER HOME! \$129,000



- 1,500 square foot 3 bedroom home
- Close to great sand beach
- 2 bathrooms - garage
- Newer windows, furnace and roof
- Needs some TLC - Priced to sell!

DON'T MISS OUT! \$285,000



- 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2016 sq ft living space
- Access to swimming, boating, fishing
- Open concept with new windows
- New kitchen floor, new bathrooms
- Artesian well with crystal clear water

FABULOUS COUNTRY HOME \$450,000



- 3+ bedroom, 2.5 bath, 3928 sq ft living space
- Close to beaches, skiing, fine dining
- Sunroom, hardwood floors, games room
- Lower level walkout to gorgeous yard
- Many recent upgrades, year round comfort

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